

January 23, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer
Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman Lance Authement
Ray Mayet Chris Domangue
Barry Soudelier

Absent were: Jake Giardina; Francis Richard; Dale Dennis

Also present were: Matt Rivere, FOBL; Capt. Jake Stahl
Josh Bordelon; Barry Marionneaux, Attorney
Ben Malbrough, Executive Director; Heather Armstrong, Office Manager

Chairman Hugh Caffery began the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Caffery stated that public comments can be made at any time in the regular meeting prior to action on any agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken.

Commissioner Ray Mayet nominated the current slate of officers for 2023. Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any other nominations, and there were none.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the nominated current slate of officers for 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Barry Soudelier to approve the minutes of December 19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue , seconded by Commissioner Lance Authement to approve the finance report for December 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is pumping with all 4 pumps.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the Bayou operations are normal.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP). The Contractor is still working through pre-construction processes with the USACE.

Mr. Malbrough gave an update on the Phase 3 Permitting. Spoke with USACE today and answered some questions they had.

High Tide Consultants gave an update on the Melodia Boat Launch Project. Still working through the permitting phase.

Mr. Malbrough discussed a bid on repairs and maintenance to the Bayou Crew Storage Buildings and asked the board for authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with Site Construction , LLC in the amount of \$17,925.00 for the repairs and maintenance.

Moved by Commissioner Chris Domangue, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to authorize Mr. Malbrough and Barry Marionneaux to negotiate and execute a contract with Site Construction, LLC in the amount of \$17,925.00 for the repairs and maintenance of the Bayou Crew Storage Buildings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Donaldsonville Drainage Project and Subrecipient agreement with Ascension Parish Government to utilize LA Watershed Initiative Funds and asked the board for authorization to negotiate and execute said subrecipient agreement.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to authorize Mr. Malbrough and Barry Marionneaux to negotiate and execute a Subrecipient agreement with Ascension Parish Government to utilize LA Watershed Initiative Funds for the Donaldsonville Drainage Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Vegetation Abatement Assistance to BREC. Mr. Malbrough proposed an agreement with BREC for the use of the BLFWD harvester and asked the board for authorization to negotiate and execute the agreement.

Moved by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to authorize Mr. Malbrough and Barry Marionneaux to negotiate and execute an agreement with BREC for the use of the BLFWD harvester for vegetation abatement.
Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet and unanimously approved to adopt the resolution for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, and that a copy of its adoption will be given to the CPA for the 2022 audit.

Mr. Matt Rivere gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche as follows:

- Napoleonville project – completion expected mid-March
- E.D. White historic site project – still in design phase
- Raceland Project will be getting 4 new kayaks
- St. Patrick's Day on the Bayou/ Paddle Bayou Lafourche – March 18th, 2023
- Thibodaux Waterplant – beautification project
- Community Outreach – research speaking at local schools

Chairman Hugh Caffery asked for any public comments. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Caffery, Chairman

Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer